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## AND SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Applicants request that the period for response be extended five months through and including March 5, 2009, the fees for which have been paid at the time this Election was filed.

In response to the written Restriction Requirement dated September 5, 2008 in the aboveidentified patent application, Applicants hereby elect, for purposes of examination in the subject application, the species of Monarda spp. Applicants further submit that pending claims 22-29 and 43-60 are readable upon the elected invention. This election is made without traverse.

Prior to examination, Applicants respectfully request that the subject application be amended as follows: